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Convenor's Welcome Message

Hello Readers,

Whilst I write this, we have experienced the first frosty mornings following an unusually mild Autumn, which may perhaps serve as a reminder to us to dig out winter coats, scarves and gloves along with the de-icer and scraper!

Our front cover illustrates the colour and excitement of the Christmas Lights switch-on which took place on Saturday, November 30, with the traditional parade led by Santa's Sleigh, which will hopefully herald the start of an enjoyable Festive season, with the various Carol services and fayres to enjoy and a busy time for our traders.

There have been a number of articles over the last year about the Local Place Plan and on Pages 3 and 6 there is further news about the progress made and on the Meadows Masterplan in particular together with details about how you can contribute to the discussions; your input is vital if this is to succeed.

I was also particularly drawn to the article regarding the future of the Trossachs Church. I think it's a beautiful building in a stunning setting and it is good to see that plans are being put together to come up with a sustainable way forward. See page 14 for details of how members of our community can bolster the bid by signing up as supporters.

I recognise that it was only in the last issue that we congratulated Richard Johnson on being Callander's Citizen of the Year 2023; however I see that the Community Council are now seeking nominations for 2024, as explained on page 3, opposite; please take the opportunity to make your views known.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2025 from all the volunteers at the Ben Ledi View.

Mark Griffiths

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Editorial copy - Friday 3rd January

All editorial contributions for the **Dec/Jan** issue should be emailed to

editor@benlediview.org or handed in to the Callander Library by **Friday 1st January**

Items received after the deadline are likely be held over to next issue.



Callander Community Council News

Callander Community Council is still open for nominees for Callander Citizen of the Year 2024. We know there are citizens in the community who have done amazing work during this last year, and we would like them to be publicly appreciated. To be nominated for CotY, some of the criteria are repeated below:

Purpose: To award and thank a local citizen for their outstanding contribution to Callander community life particularly during that year (2024).

Criteria: Any resident of Callander can nominate a person, or even a group of people, for outstanding service. Awards will usually be for volunteer work but may be for paid services.

People making nominations must give the full name of the person(s) they are voting for and the reason for the nomination and, if possible, why they are outstanding in that year in particular. Nominations would not normally be for someone being good at their job, this is for exceptional service. Nominations should be sent by email to: callandercc556@gmail.com to arrive by no later than 31st January 2024.

During the last couple of months, CCC have continued to be busy with some of the projects arising from the Callander Local Place Plan. This is the document which was published in 2022 and gives details of the aspirations that the town has for the next few years to 2032. It is a list of achievable priorities defined by

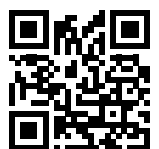


the majority of the local community around what we need and want in our neighbourhood. If you haven't seen it or read it, the link is here to the online version (see details below). There are a few paper copies in Callander Connect at 43 Main Street, particularly for those without internet access. The two most advanced projects in which CCC is currently involved are 1) Meadows Master Plan/Green Adventure Gateway - covering the Meadows and Station Road car park and options for their use and 2) Regeneration. of Main Street - finding ways to improve the economic prosperity of our retail businesses. Other reports in the BLV will update you on the progress of these projects.

If you are interested in becoming involved in these or any other of the Local Place Plan priorities, please let us know by writing to callandercc556@gmail.com (scan the code below) or let one of the councillors know. The more people involved, the more can be done. We hold our surgeries once a month on the Saturday before each community council meeting in Callander Connect. Our meetings are held most months on the third Monday in the month at Callander Youth Project starting at 7.00pm (not January or July). See you there!

Marilyn Moore, Callander Community Council

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Place Plan QR Code

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Green Adventure Gateway Project Update

The Green Adventure Gateway Project aims to develop a shared vision for the Meadows and Station Road car park to create a welcoming, dynamic space for Callander residents and visitors. This autumn has been busy, with engagement events, an online ideas map, early design concepts, and close collaboration with local stakeholders.

In and Around the Meadows Engagement Events

Two engagement events took place at the Meadows on 22nd September and 26th October, where residents, visitors, and stakeholders shared their insights. Ideas ranged from improving play areas during flood events to enhancing biodiversity and managing campervan access. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and contributed valuable ideas for shaping the future of Callander's green spaces.



Online Ideas Map

The online Ideas Map remains open, featuring a record of suggestions from the community. This interactive map allows you to explore shared ideas, suggest new projects, and help shape the collective vision for the Meadows and Station Road. Check it out to see what others have suggested or add your own ideas!

First Draft of Design Vision

The landscape consultants have completed the first draft of the design vision for the Meadows and Station Road. You can view this initial design at the Visitor Information Centre (VIC) windows on Main Street and during the upcoming engagement event on 1st December. An online preview is also available.



Steering Group and Next Steps

Weekly steering group meetings with key stakeholders, including Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park, Stirling Council, and local groups, ensure broad input. The final 2024 meeting is scheduled for 2nd December. The landscape consultants will finalise the design vision over the holidays, aiming for completion in January 2025.

For ongoing updates, visit the website, see the draft design at Callander Connect, or contribute via the online Ideas Map:

www.padlet.com/callanderconnect/localplaceplan



Ellie, Development Officer

Callander Seniors Christmas Party

This year's party will be held in McNabs (Dreadnought Hotel) on Thursday 12th December. The party will include a three course meal, wine or soft drinks and entertainment by Squeeze and Teeze.

Doors will open at 5pm and the meal will be served at 6.00pm, with a finish at 9.00pm.

To reserve a place either put your name and contact details into the book in the Post Office, email marymnv@aol.com or phone Mary on 01877 331020. Reservations can be taken up to 6th December.

Transport is available from 5.00pm to the party and back home from 9.00pm. If you want transport let us know when making a reservation.

Mary Johnson

Annual Sportsmans Lunch in aid of Strathcarron Hospice 2024



This year's Annual Sportsman Lunch raised a grand total of £6,000. Lodge Ben Ledi Callander would like to express their sincere thanks to the sponsors of the Auction for their generosity. Thanks also to the Catering, Bar and Waiting staff for their expertise and, of course, not forgetting the truly magnificent audience on the day.

Callander Kirk Harvest Thanksgiving Service and Lunch

A huge Thank You to everyone who donated. We raised £240 for StartUp Stirling along with a box of food donations.

Special thanks go to Mhor Bread and the Ben Ledi Cafe for their contributions of rolls and cake - very much appreciated.



Carols & Crafts by Candlelight

As usual, St Andrew's church is hosting two special events for people of all ages.

First is the annual Community Carol Service on Sunday, 22nd December at 6.00pm, featuring many favourite carols and readings. Then please join us afterwards for a glass of mulled wine (alcoholic and non) and mince pies in the hall. There will be no morning service at 9.30am that day.

Then on Tuesday, 24th December at 4.00pm, together with members of the Callander Christian Fellowship, we are hosting a short Carols & Crafts by Candlelight fun event. It will start in the church hall and end with a candlelit procession to bless the crib in the church. There'll be a range of simple crafts that adults and children



of all ages can enjoy doing together – including decorating oranges with sweets and candles that the children can take home afterwards. We'll also be singing some favourite children's carols.

Admission is free and refreshments will be provided.

The Christmas Day (Wednesday, 25th December) Eucharist service is at 9.30am. There will no Sunday service Worship, 9.30am, on Sunday 29th December.

For further information, contact Liz Balding: [07825 635428](tel:07825635428)

Callander Christmas Lights

At the time of writing, preparations are being made for this year's Christmas lights display in Callander. Hopefully, by the time you read this the switch-on event will have happened and there will be a spectacular display along Main Street and in Ancaster Square.

We had many positive suggestions last year with most people saying it would be good to extend the display all along Main Street. We have therefore done this and with the help of BEAR all 30 of the street lights from Bracklinn Road to Station Road have been upgraded so that they can support wrap-around lighting braids. To help fund these lights we organised a "Sponsor a Lamp-post" scheme. This was supported by many businesses and families and notices have been put onto each lamp-post acknowledging their kind support.

Ancaster Square will have the main Christmas tree and we have bought six new artificial trees to go into the North and South Square. The trees in North Ancaster Square will have new strings of icicle lights.

The switch-on event was organised to include traditional music with mince pies, candyfloss, pop-corn, tea, coffee and mulled wine. Santa's Sleigh was led down Main Street by the Alpacas and we organised lanterns for all of the people in the parade.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations, funding and the switch-on event. We will give a full list of the people and businesses who supported the Christmas lights, in the next BLV.

Richard and Mary Johnson



Carols & Crafts by Candlelight



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Sunday 22 December



6pm



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*(followed by mulled wine & mince pies
in the church hall)*



Bracklinn Falls Footbridge named Best Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge in global award win

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority is delighted to announce that the Bracklinn Falls Footbridge has been announced as the winner of the Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge category at the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) Awards 2024. This global recognition highlights the exceptional design, engineering, and significance of the bridge within the National Park.

Its innovative design not only enhances the visitor experience but also embodies the National Park's commitment to sustainability, accessibility, and excellence in public space infrastructure.

David Knight, Cake Engineering Director said:

"This is a significant accolade for the bridge, which was up against extremely tough competition from as far afield as Japan, China, Switzerland and Ireland

The Bracklinn Falls Bridge has previously received additional accolades. It was a Gold Award winner at the Scottish Design Awards 2023 in the Low-Cost Project Schemes Under 200k category, and was Highly Commended by the Civic Trust Awards, with judges praising it as, "a shining example of how thoughtful design and construction can contribute to and align seamlessly with the natural beauty of its surroundings."

For more information on the National Park Place Programme and other initiatives, please visit the Place Programme Webpage.

Abridged from an article supplied by Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park

Heritage Strategy to protect, preserve and enhance Stirling's historic assets

A strategy to secure the future of Stirling's historic assets has been approved by Stirling Council. The Stirling Heritage Strategy 2025-2028 will protect and manage listed buildings, monuments and other important landscapes, archaeological sites and conservation areas.

Its production has been led by the Stirling City Heritage Trust alongside the Council and a range of partner organisations, including Historic Environment Scotland, National Trust for Scotland, Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park and Forth Valley Chamber of Commerce. It was approved by the Finance, Economy and Corporate Support Committee yesterday (Thursday, 21 November).

An action plan to support the Heritage Strategy will also be prepared with Stirling City Heritage Trust, the Council and partner organisations, setting out short, medium and longer term actions to protect and enhance the many assets across the Stirling area.

The decision to develop a Heritage Strategy was taken in November 2023 following the dismantling of the Christie Clock. A report relating to the Christie Clock will be considered at the next full Council meeting on Thursday, 12 December.

Abridged from an article supplied by Stirling Council.

Read the full article here:

www.stirling.gov.uk/news/heritage-strategy-to-protect-preserve-and-enhance-stirling-s-historic-assets/



The Big Conversation

Stirling Council has just launched this year's Big Conversation with residents about how it tackles another significant budget shortfall next year (2025-26), and they want to hear your views.

This year, the Big Conversation will include two surveys, the first of which is on the Engage Stirling website with paper copies also available in libraries.

The questions in the first survey are based on the feedback received in last year's Big Conversation, which saw more than 3,400 people participate in an online survey, and almost 700 people attend 24 events across the council area.

You told the Council you wanted more opportunities to tell them about the services you valued, what you liked and disliked about service delivery, and how they could do better and be more efficient. You also told us your views on raising council tax to raise income and help bridge the budget gap.

The second survey with detailed savings proposals will be published early in 2025, following the Scottish Government announcement of the annual local government finance settlement in December, and will run for around a month.

The council must plug its budget gap in 2025-26 despite making over £45m of year-on-year savings since 2014-15. Help us do this by taking part

in the online survey and visit the Engage Platform.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at Stirling Council libraries. Please ask library staff for more details.

If you have any difficulties with the survey, or have any further questions, you can contact us at insights@stirling.gov.uk.

For more information, including on a breakdown of how the council is funded and how it spends its money, please visit www.stirling.gov.uk/bigconversation





Dorothy Craig Kinloch OBE

Rev. June Cloggie

Dorothy Kinloch died on the 12th September 2024. For many years she played a huge part in Callander life. She was Principal Teacher of Home Economics at McLaren High School for 34 years.

She was very involved in the Scouting movement rising from Cub Leader to UK Headquarters Commissioner for Cub Scouts and Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association, Scotland. This appointment saw her attending many Jamborees in Britain and abroad. For her services to Scouting, Dorothy was awarded an OBE in 1997.

Closer to home, Dorothy was a member of Callander Kirk serving as an elder and member of The Kirk Session. She was also the first elder to become Moderator of the Presbytery of Stirling, and was Deputy Lieutenant of Stirling and Falkirk.

She was the first woman member of the Callander Rotarians and also their first lady President. As a Rotarian she was very involved in organising various fundraising events from coffee mornings, Junior Highland Games and much more. In 2010 she was given the Paul Harris Award. Rotary's highest award for an individual.

For some years Dorothy was also a Trustee of the Callander Youth Project.

A lady who gave so much of herself to others. She will be missed.

By Kath Millar (from various sources)



Andrew, Sharon and I wish to say thank you so much for the many cards we received on the passing of my wife June, they were all so comforting in the days before the funeral service.

It was our grandson Lewis's birthday on the same day but we simply described it as a double celebration, his birthday, and that of his Gran's life. It was a day when all the tears had been shed, and it was simply an expression of how much love and affection that June had shared in their lives.

Many thanks to Rev. Jon Connell and Rev. Ian Goring for setting the standard for a wonderful day that I am sure would have pleased June. Also many thanks to the church team of Linda, Anne, Sue and Douglas.

As always Ross Anderson ensured that the arrangements were faultless. I reminded Ross that June participated in his wedding service with Father Jim, both were the talk of the town - later that evening the priest dancing with the minister!

June was well cared for in the last 3 months of her life in Bellfield Centre and died from Alzheimers. A retiring collection raised £1350 for Alzheimers Scotland.

The reception at the Roman Camp was an occasion shared with many friends and family, a celebration of June's life.

David

Here comes trouble...

It was 6.15 of an evening, the High School traffic was still leaving, but it was dark!

All was bright down The Creep and beside the rugby pitch. Then, the corner for the foot bridge. Wow it was a tunnel of darkness only ending with the library; never try to cross without a head torch again. Were there people on the bridge, was there dog poo under the leaves? Just carry on in hope. Luckily the cyclist on the pavement, with no lights was on Main Street, not the bridge, phew.

Callander is a town and this is almost the centre, with the library and police station very close, so it should not be this dark!k

If there is a problem, don't just moan do what you can to sort it!

First stop; Callander Connect. Would there be a form to complete and then on my way with a flea in my ear? But No! A miracle! One of the important people there had noticed the problem! The bridge does belong to Stirling council, but here we have a significant Health and Safety issue so perhaps the Development Trust could solve the finance issues.

Instant Brain Storming:

- One light preferably in the middle of the bridge is needed!
- The latest solar panels are very good - could that be the answer?
- Even if the attachment to the bridge is on the river side of the panels it might disappear if it is too easy to take to a new home. Answer: put it on a pole.

Now expert help is needed.

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With a range of wonderful activities to entice the children to play and investigate, their grown ups can enjoy some time to chat to other families.



The group has moved for the winter period, and will be held at Callander Kirk Hall until the

Spring. It runs on Wednesdays at 11.15am until 12.15pm and is fully funded by Trossachs and Teith Community Sport and Social Hub. If anyone would like to make any donations to the running of the Playgroup, this can be done via the link below:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/trossachs-and-teith-community-sport-and-social-hub-sc051580?exp=exp-pledge&expv=B>
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Stirling Citizens Advice Bureau who also use the Kirk Hall, has offered to organise one of their advisers to come along to the Playgroup to offer support for anyone looking to get advice about getting back to work or any other related questions. They are also going to put us in touch with local Health Visitors. We will let everyone know when these dates are arranged.

Playgroup has been really well attended and it's lots of fun. Everyone is welcome! Come along soon.

School Outdoor learning Sessions

Also in partnership with Flowers and Pebbles Childminding, TTCSSH is funding the provision of outdoor learning opportunities for a number of local primary schools. Between November and February we will provide all of Callander Primary classes, including their Autism Provision classes, with Forest Sessions. These have been very popular so far with the staff and children, providing lots of fun learning opportunities.



Multi-Sport Sessions

Our multi-sports provision last term was a great way for children of all ages to try different sports that they might not have had access to. We will be back to deliver more multi-sports in primary schools again soon. There will also be more activities in the rural hub in Killin, in partnership with Active Stirling.

Update on Scottish Land Fund Application

Unfortunately, the most recent application to the Scottish Land Fund for funding to purchase land adjacent to Lagrannoch Industrial Estate, was not successful. This has set us back slightly with our planned timescales. However, we will continue to deliver the services mentioned above, and we are fully committed to purchasing the land for the community, and are currently exploring alternative options to achieve that aim.

Emma King

Christmas Word Search

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Callander Heritage Society

Kath Millar

September Report

At our September meeting, Professor Stewart Brown talked about "The Disruption". This was when the Church of Scotland split into 2 factions. There were many reasons but the main cause was dissatisfaction with Patronage. Since the Reformation ministers in the Protestant churches had been appointed to parishes by the local landowner or people of influence. While most of the ministers appointed supported their parishioners well, others, who had been appointed because of family connections, were very poor ministers.

Ministers were also responsible for Poor Relief and education in their parishes.

By the 1800s the population of Scotland had changed from the rural population of the 1500s, to most

people living in the industrial Central Belt. Here there were great areas of poverty, leading to unrest. Many people felt the Church had failed them and began to protest against ministers being appointed without their wishes being taken into account.

The General Assembly realised there was a need for Change. In 1834 the Veto Act allowed congregations to veto the Patron's appointment. New churches and Schools were built and the quality of ministers improved.

The Earl of Kinnoul protested when his choice of minister was vetoed 207 to 2 by the congregation. He went to court and the High Court decreed the Act illegal. The Assembly fought back, but after a long legal battle The House of Lords decreed the Act illegal and in 1843 Parliament decided that

the Church would have to accept the Law or face fines and imprisonment.

At the General Assembly of 1843 the ministers who could not accept the interference of the Law, about 40%, walked out. Led by Dr Thomas Chalmers, they walked to a hall in Stockbridge and held the first Free Church General Assembly. About half the lay members also walked out.

These new congregations had no churches to worship in. Services were often held outdoors, but within 10 years, 750 new churches had been built. One of them was St Bride's in Callander built in 1844. It is now Callander Kirk.

Patronage was abolished in the 1860s.

October Report

Due to a cancellation, our October Meeting was not as advertised. Fortunately, James Kennedy, Chairman of the Loch Ard Local History Group stepped in to talk about "The Navvies of Loch Chon".

Navvies was the short version of Navigational. These were the men who built the canals and later the railways. They came, mostly, from the Highlands, Ireland, Cornwall and Norfolk. They followed the work all over the country. They wore a sort of "uniform" of moleskin trousers, thick shirt, waistcoat and hat. Skilled navvies could move 20 tons of soil and rock a day using only a pick and shovel. Elite navvies were the tunnellers (who knew how to use explosives), the carpenters and the stonemasons.

By the 1850s many of the big cities had begun to realise the benefits to their population of clean water. There was not enough nearby water to supply Glasgow so the Council decided to use the water from Loch Katrine. Between 1856 and 1859 a major aqueduct was constructed which gave Glasgow a fresh water supply which continues to the present day. This was a major feat of civil engineering, undertaken under

the supervision of John Bateman.

Some 3000 people were employed, most of whom were accommodated in temporary settlements in remote and inaccessible areas. There were camps at Loch Chon, Drymen Moor and Mugdock.

James's talk focused on the camp at Loch Chon.

The camp had around 600 men, women and children, living in the temporary village located on the north east shores of Loch Chon near French Farm. They lived in tents, wooden huts and caves, sleeping on straw and vegetation gathered from the area around. Living conditions varied but many of the men lived in very unhygienic conditions. A visitor is quoted as saying "pigs live in better conditions". They named the camp Sebastopol, perhaps because the noise of the explosions echoed the noise of the Battle of Sebastopol which was fought in 1857. The men were sometimes paid their wages in cash but mostly in tokens called Flimsies, which they could exchange at the Company store for supplies, or spend in the on-site Pub, The Teapot. If they had money they would walk to Callander, Kinlochard or Aberfoyle to

spend it. There is a report of a 'Riot' in Callander when there was a fight between some of the Loch Katrine navvies and the Oban Railway navvies.

There was a school, but there were few pupils because as soon as they were able, children were employed as messengers and cleaners.

The working and living conditions were tough and unregulated. No Health and Safety in those days and workers' lives were cheap. Deaths from illness and accidents were commonplace but most navvies were buried in unmarked graves, possibly due to the cost of burial.

In 3 years the navvies, working day and night in 12 hour shifts, tunneled through rocks, dug deep trenches, crossed bogs and built aqueducts to carry fresh water the 26 miles from Loch Katrine to the reservoir at Mugdock.

In 1859 Queen Victoria opened the Viaduct.

We are now on our Winter Break. Dates of future meetings will be in the next BLV.



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“All Things Apple”

CADHS took part in the Harvest and Halloween event in Callander Meadows on Saturday 26th October. Our part of the activities for the afternoon was “All Things Apple”. Through Forth Environment Link, we had secured a grant to hire an apple press so that anyone in the community could bring apples grown in their own garden and press them into delicious apple juice.

John Hancox from Scottish Fruit Trees, as well as demonstrating the press, also brought a fantastic display of over 60 varieties of apples (sorry I lost count- there were so many!!!!). We also pulled together some interesting and tasty apple recipes for you to try ... which you can access by visiting the Gallery 2024 page on our website



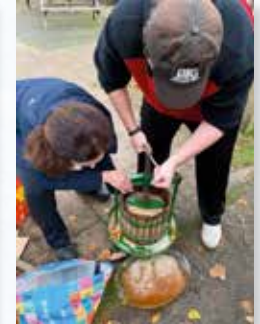
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As the second part of this apple themed event, we plan to run a hands-on workshop to learn best pruning techniques for your fruit trees. Please keep an eye on our website and facebook for more information on how to participate in this event.

What's next?

By popular demand, we are planning to have another Bulb Show/Coffee morning in the Spring next year. At time of going to print, the date had not been finalised but will be advertised on our website shortly, along with the Schedule. Please also look out for posters around the town or pop into Callander Connect for a copy of the Schedule.



We really do need more help putting on activities such as the Bulb Show and our Annual Show in August next year, so if you have even a few hours to spare and wish to help out, please do get in touch either via our website or by email



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Are you interested in becoming a Volunteer?

Stirling District Citizens Advice Bureau is now seeking to recruit volunteer advisers for our next adviser training programme in January 2025.

Due to the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis there remains a very high demand for advice in the community. Stirling Citizens Advice Bureau is therefore now seeking to recruit additional volunteers to train as advisers.

Who can volunteer with the Citizens Advice Bureau?

Anyone can volunteer. You don't have to come with formal qualifications or a vast amount of knowledge. Our training will help you become a confident adviser with a constantly updated information system to work with.

We hope to recruit volunteers who reflect the community they serve; we hope people of all ages and backgrounds will be interested in finding out more about volunteering with their local CAB.



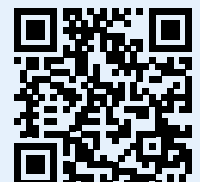
When does the next volunteer intake begin?

The CAB adviser training programme for advisers starts on Friday 10th of January. The training comprises three months of Friday morning taught sessions in person (from 10am-2pm) and 30+ online modules which you can access in your own time. Once the training has progressed volunteers will be expected to come into the Bureau to shadow other advisers for at least 3 hours per week.

Once trained, we are looking for a minimum time commitment of 6 hours per week delivered either on one full day or two half days per week advising the public. The advice service is open for this 10am – 3 pm Monday to Thursday.

How do I apply for a volunteer position?

If you would like to volunteer, please go onto the following link and complete an online submission www.stirlingcab.org.uk/volunteer. Alternatively, you can contact our volunteer coordinator Janet Taylor on email. The closing date to return completed applications will be Friday 22nd December.





Trossachs Church 175th Anniversary Celebrations

Thank you to everyone who took part in our events to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Trossachs Church in October this year.

This special place was celebrated by a full church at the Harvest Thanksgiving service on Sunday 6th October. The Order of Service included several musical items—Callander Kirk Junior Choir, Keena Wildman on Cello, Anna Shapovalova on piano and young piper Eoin Brenan—who braved the elements to welcome everyone from the car park into the church and closed the service with Highland Cathedral. Alan MacCorquodale, son of the late Rev MacCorquodale (minister at Trossachs 1954–1981), also gave a talk on some of the history of the church and immediate area; this will be uploaded shortly to our website for all to read.

Sounds of the Trossachs on Sunday 13th October was another great success with the church filled with performers and guests. The weather was sunny & dry this time, showing the special locality of the church against a beautiful autumnal background. Fabulous music filled the building for the afternoon with both vocal and instrumental performances, classical and traditional. The fantastic acoustics of the Church were clearly appreciated by the audience. Performers included The Callander Song Squad, Kirsty Fingland (vocal & guitar), Lorna Stevens (vocal), Fiona Cantlay (violin), Iain Barrie & Friends (Violin, guitar & vocal) and Eoin Brenan (pipes). We are so lucky to have such amazing musical talent here locally and what a lovely way to be entertained for the afternoon. Many attendees stayed on at the end for a chat outside whilst enjoying a hot drink and some pizza courtesy of Dozy Dough pizza.

Ed and Lindsay from our local radio station Trossachs Radio were also in attendance to record Sounds of the Trossachs and have already replayed music from the event on

two separate occasions following the event. Ed and Lindsay hope to be back and recording our Carols by Candlelight event on Christmas Eve. You can download the Trossachs Radio app for free from the App store and listen from there or follow this link: www.trossachsradio.com for other options to listen.

We would also like to thank Callander Community Council who provided funding through their microgrant scheme to assist with the costs of putting on Sounds of the Trossachs.

Future Vision

As most, if not all of you, will know by now, Trossachs Church has been identified for closure by Church of Scotland and this process is now well underway.

The Friends of Trossachs Church group recognises the historical and social value of this beautiful and iconic place. Since the announcement concerning its closure, the Friends have been researching, listening and talking to individuals, local businesses, funders, others facing similar challenges and support agencies. In July we held our first open meeting in Brig O'Turk to brainstorm ideas. By the time this issue BLV goes to print, we will have held our second open meeting, this time in Callander. A vision for a possible way forward has begun to emerge...

Whatever is imagined for this place, it has to be different from something that can be done elsewhere like the local village hall. What is unique here? The peaceful setting on the shore of Loch Achray in stunning countryside? The history?? The acoustics???

We invite you now to join us in imagining a viable future for this building as a unique, high-quality Performance and Arts venue that places our young people and the community at the heart of its future life through inspirational experiences and opportunities.

In parallel to this changed context of use, Trossachs Church will embrace and sustain elements from its original life in multiple new forms for the local communities of the area, families and

visitors alike, for example by hosting celebration events, weddings, welcome ceremonies, anniversaries and dedications.

Our next step is to formalise the Friends of Trossachs into a SCIO (Scottish Incorporated Charitable Organisation) and we hope by the time this article is published this important milestone on our journey will have been accomplished.

We have been advised that the SCIO is the most appropriate structure to pursue the ambition of our plans. Assuming we secure the backing of either the Scottish Land Fund or alternative funders, we would be progressing to purchase and develop Trossachs Church.

We now need YOUR help.....

Our funding applications require us to demonstrate that our Community supports our project—you can assist with this in a matter of minutes by signing up as a Member of our new SCIO. The sign up is free and can easily be done via our website www.trossachschurch.co.uk where you can also read more detail about the SCIO.

Please also get in touch, if you are able to volunteer with the project, by emailing: friends@trossachschurch.co.uk

Upcoming Events

Please keep an eye on our website www.trossachschurch.co.uk for details of upcoming events. Two you might like to put in your diary are:

- Christmas Eve, 6.30pm – Carols by Candlelight
- Sunday 1st December, 3pm – Monthly Service

We are now planning a further event in January to demonstrate the church's qualities as a performance venue and taking an opportunity to pair some of our young local musicians with accomplished performers. Further details to follow.





From left to right, top to bottom, are Ian, Marsha, Calum, Linda, Fiona, Eoin, Kirsty, and the Callander Song Squad, some of the performers from Sounds of the Trossachs. Photos © Friends of Trossachs Church/Jacquie Fingland

Town Break Dementia Support – Callander Social Group

Nearly 30 years ago, a Forth Valley based charity was founded in Stirling to provide a supportive and enjoyable space for people affected by dementia. The charity, now known as Town Break Dementia Support, was created with two key aims: to give individuals living with dementia the opportunity to socialise, engage in activities and meet new people, while also offering their carers a much needed break. This time away allowed carers to relax, run errands or enjoy the town, without the responsibilities of caregiving – hence the name ‘Town Break’.

What began as a single group has grown significantly over the years. Today, our popular groups are held across several locations in Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Falkirk.

In Callander, the group gathers every Thursday morning from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in St Andrew’s

Episcopal Church Hall, Leny Road. It is led by a Service Coordinator with the help of several volunteers and there are lots of laughs and much chatting! Participants can attend independently or with their carers. Each week, Town Break Dementia Support organises engaging activities, such as reminiscence games, quizzes, pebble painting, other crafts, singalongs or a themed session of some kind, such as a mini Olympics or Christmas wreath making.

These activities are designed to stimulate cognitive abilities and allow everyone to flourish in their own way, at their own pace.

While the charity is partly funded by Stirling and Falkirk Health and Social Care Partnerships, Town Break Dementia Support continues to rely on fundraising efforts and the dedication of volunteers to keep our groups running. With growing awareness of dementia and its impact on individuals and families, services like these are vital to our community.

Are you interested? Then do and come and join us in Callander on a Thursday!

To learn more, contact:
Town Break Dementia Support Tel: **01786 641841**

Daniel Keane
Operations Manager



A member taking part in the Autumn Arrangement event.

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Further new build developments are being planned for Killlearn, Balmaha, Croftamie, and Drymen. Please let us know if you want to live in a village that is not listed above. Information on local housing need and demand helps us to plan.

For a downloadable application pack please visit our website www.rsha.org.uk.

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Pop in anytime between
12.30 -2.30pm.

Advisors from Citizens Advice will be on hand to provide information and advice on benefits, housing and energy costs.

If your business would like to help or you would like more information contact Gail on 07951 013470 or gail@startupstirling.org.uk #workingtogether #cuppaandchat



German-Speaking Group in Callander

Wir haben vor, sowohl am **Samstag, 21. Dezember** (ein Weihnachtsfest) als auch am Samstag, 18. Januar (2025) um 14.00 noch einmal bei Peter (Coilhallaan House, Invertrossachs Road, FK17 8HW) wieder zusammenzukommen. Die Diskussionsthemen für beide Treffen werden wir im Voraus allen Mitgliedern per E-Mail schicken.

Wenn Ihr es vorhabt, mitzumachen, sagt mir bitte erst eine Woche im Voraus Bescheid, damit wir wissen, wie viele Teilnehmer zu erwarten sind.

Falls jemand bis jetzt an unseren Treffen nicht teilgenommen hat, aber jetzt mitmachen möchte, schicken Sie mir bitte eine E-Mail, um die Einladungen zu unseren zukünftigen Treffen und die näheren Angaben darüber zu erhalten: jensshearer@gmail.com.

Wir freuen uns darauf, Sie alle im Dezember bei Peter wieder begrüßen zu können.

Jen Shearer

Callander and West Perthshire u3a

As we approach the winter months some of us are making a trip to Minori and visiting Pompeii and its many attractions. Meanwhile, our various groups are enjoying learning new things and engaging socially with fellow group members. In October we had a very interesting talk given by Gillian Forster which was entitled 'A Gardening Project' which gave us an insight into the advancement of education and training for those with additional support needs. She also spoke of sustainable development.

For all info on our talks and our various groups please visit our website www.candwpu3a.org

No longer in full time work? u3a gives you the opportunity to learn, make friends and develop new interests in your local area. Come and join us! Contact: secretary@candwpu3a.org



Callander Kirk Community Food Larder

The congregation of Callander Kirk would like to pass on its thanks for the continued support from members of the community and the other churches. We are very grateful to all who donate, as we are sure are the individuals/families who benefit. Any donation is most welcome.

We are always looking for gifts of food/toiletries for our Community Larder, located outside the Kirk Hall. Please remember to check the best before date on the items.

Food Items

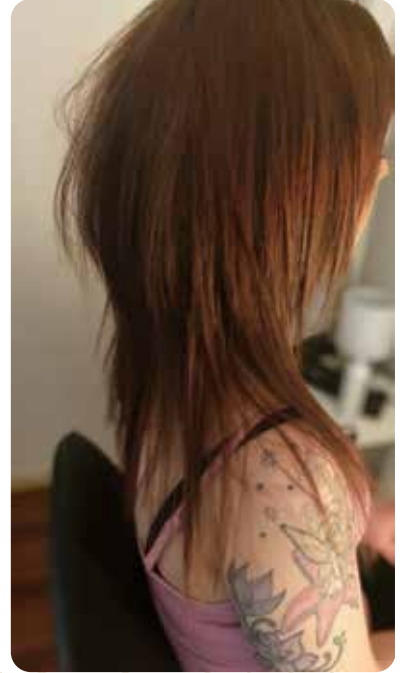
Instant Meals (Pot Noodle, Mug Shot, Pasta in Sauce), Cup a Soup, tinned Soup, Cereal Bars, Cereal, Tinned Pasta (Spaghetti, Ravioli, Mac Cheese), Dried Pasta with a jar/carton of sauce, Rice, Jars of Fish/Meat Paste, Oat Cakes/Crackers, Tea Bags, Coffee, UHT milk, Tinned Tomatoes, Tinned Meat, Tinned Veg, Tinned Fruit.

Other non-perishable food items - baking potatoes, carrots, apples, bananas, oranges...

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Rotary in Callander

Rotary in Callander has been busy, as ever, in recent months. Our Bottle Stall and Bric-a-Brac Sale in Ancaster Square in early October raised just over £800 for our charity account. Our 'Golden Ticket' draw saw 3 lucky winners taking home luxury, specialist bottles of vintage port, whisky and gin. As always, Club members are very grateful to local people and visitors to the town for their stalwart support of our fundraising efforts.



All money raised at our events is used to support good causes. Rotary in Callander has recently made

donations locally to: McLaren High School (to support special projects); Start Up Stirling (Foodbanks); the Siobhain Cattigan 'Legacy of Love' charity; and to CHAS (Children's Hospices Across Scotland); and internationally, to the Rotary Club of Warsaw, who are well placed to target funding support for Ukrainians where it is most needed, to relieve the situation of those suffering as a result of the war.

Socially, the Club has held two well-attended Speaker Nights, with a further two scheduled for 4th February (Title: Ways out of the Glen: Roads, Raids and Refuge in the Glencoe Landscape); and also on 20th May – details will be advertised on social media, and on posters, nearer the time. These meetings are open to anyone who wishes to

come along. Rotarians have also enjoyed a Club social event, when we tried our hands at bowling, under the patient guidance of Audrey Corrieri and her colleagues at Callander Bowling Club, to whom we are grateful.



By the time you are reading this, we will have held our annual Christmas Coffee, Lunch and Crafts Event on 30th November – photos will appear in the next edition of Ben Ledi View. Our monthly Bingo sessions in Callander Hostel will continue in the New Year – dates are listed in a separate announcement in this edition. Finally, all the members of Rotary in Callander wish all our friends and supporters a very happy festive season, and a bright New Year.

If you are looking for a way to make a positive impact on your community (and the world), while also making new friends and having fun, you can get in touch with us, either by sending us a message via our Club Facebook page, or by emailing us at: enquiries@callanderandwprotary.org, to arrange an informal chat over a cup of coffee. Rotary in Callander has been doing amazing work in our community for over 50 years, and we're looking for new members to help us continue the good work.

Email us using the QR Code:



Bingo Sessions



Rotary in Callander is pleased to offer Bingo sessions again in 2025, with thanks to support from the Braes of Doune fund, administered by Callander Community Council. Sessions will be held in Callander Hostel, at 1.30 – 2.30pm (ie after the Craigard Lunch Club) on the following dates:

- Thursday 16th January 2025
- Thursday 13 February 2025
- Thursday 13 March 2025
- Thursday 10 April 2025

The entrance charge of £2 covers all games played in the hour-long session, and also tea and biscuits. There will, of course, be prizes to be won, and it's all good fun.

We look forward to welcoming lots of players. If you haven't been before, why not give it a try in the New Year?

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Christmas Food Safety

Christmas can be a magical time of year, but not if you end up with food poisoning!

There's always a lot going on at this time of year and it's easy to forget the importance of storing and preparing food safely. None of us want to give – or get – the unwanted gift of food poisoning.

We all buy more than usual at Christmas, which often means cramming our fridge full of festive food. But did you know that the temperature of your fridge can rise when it's full, which can allow food poisoning bacteria to grow?

Your fridge should be between 0-5°C – a good stocking filler idea could be a fridge thermometer to keep you right.

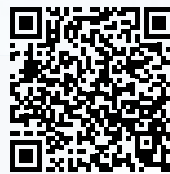
The food standards agency website has lots of useful information

www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/cold-food-storage-charts and <https://www.foodsafety.gov/ohealthyiving/food&nutrition>

Fact: There's an estimated 43,000 cases of foodborne illness in Scotland every year. That's 5,800 visits to the GP and around 500 people needing hospital treatment.

The Food Standards Agency have set a safety quiz so you can check how well you're doing to keep things safe and sound. Check it out at the link below:

www.foodstandards.gov.scot/consumers/food-safety/at-home/kitchen-crimes



If you need to know more about food poisoning, check out this nhs link:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/food-poisoning



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Angelica Hamer



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McLaren Leisure



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A Year of Celebrations

As we near the close of another fantastic year at McLaren Leisure, we're thrilled to look back on our recent events and announce some exciting festivities coming up. This year has been all about celebrating our community and embracing new ways to connect, stay active, and have fun together. Here are some of our 2024 highlights and what's in store this festive season!

This year our calendar has been packed with special events and activities that brought our community together in new ways. Over the year, we hosted a series of engaging yoga workshops, alongside exciting challenges like the RigFIT Games and Swim Challenges, where members pushed their limits in a supportive environment. We welcomed the return of Callander Cinema whose movie screenings at McLaren continue to be a hit with the community and the weekly community groups and classes have continued to thrive, welcoming participants of all ages and backgrounds to a range of health and leisure activities.



Most recently, we shared with you our first ever Members Appreciation Week and it was a week to remember, full of events and activities dedicated entirely to you, the wonderful individuals who make McLaren Leisure a vibrant community hub. The week was packed with a lineup of exciting challenges, member stories, and unique events designed to bring everyone together. A big congratulations to all our prize draw winners, and a huge thank you to everyone who took part. The energy and enthusiasm during Members Week were inspiring, and we can't wait to bring you more member-focused events next year.



Festive Fun at McLaren Leisure

As the holiday season approaches, we're gearing up for a December filled with festive activities and events for all ages. Join us in Soft Play on December 15th for a Christmas party filled with games, laughter, and seasonal treats. It's the perfect opportunity to bring the family together for some Christmas cheer.

Gather your friends and test your strength, stamina, and skills in the friendliest fitness competition of the year – The Rigmas Games.

You might want to challenge our trainers and see if they can handle your workout? This 'get your own back' event lets you create a workout for our fitness instructors – a highlight for sure! And don't miss out on a special festive Family FIT class to keep active together during the School break.

Festive Opening Hours

Mon 23rd December: 7.00am-9.00pm

Tues 24th December: 8.00am-3.00pm

Weds 25th & Thurs 26th December: CLOSED

Fri 27th December: 8.00am-5.00pm

Sat 28th & Sun 29th December: 9.00am-5.00pm

Mon 31st December: 8.00am-3.00pm

Tues 1st & Weds 2nd January: CLOSED

Thurs 3rd January: 8.00am-5.00pm

Fri 4th January: Normal Opening Hours Resume

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we wrap up this year, we're already looking forward to new and exciting developments in 2025. As of January 6th, we'll be opening from 7am, Monday through Friday, giving you even more flexibility to fit in your workouts and swims. We can't wait to bring you more classes, activities, and community events, continuing to make McLaren Leisure a place where everyone feels welcome and inspired to stay active and engaged.

From everyone at McLaren Leisure, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for being an essential part of our community. We look forward to creating more wonderful memories with you in the year ahead.



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Callander Target Sports Club - Autumn 2024

As we move into the autumn season, it's a great time to reflect on all the hard work and exciting developments over the past few months.

While the summer is usually a quieter period for the club, with the majority of members focused on preparing for the international competition schedule by testing their sofas and putting new batteries in the remote, behind the scenes things have been busy. Much-needed road repairs have been carried out, club equipment upgraded, and a regular review of the club's finances and infrastructure completed to ensure that we continue to operate smoothly and safely.

A new electronic target system designed to provide some cutting edge digital tools to help beginners and younger members, is now fully operational, and the club is actively seeking new members to take advantage of the advanced training system.

Target shooting is one of the very few sports where everybody can compete equally, regardless of their age, gender, size or mobility requirements. It is a discipline that enables everyone and anyone to participate on a level playing field, and offers participants a chance to excel no matter what their personal circumstances.

Why not give it a try?

Competition Updates

Cumbria & Northumbria Leagues:

A total of 16 Callander shooters competed in 9 disciplines across the Cumbria & Northumbria Leagues this Summer, scooping 9 Medals. R. Farquhar and W. Jenkins dominated the Bench 100yd event, winning divisions 1 and 3 respectively, while S. Stockdale also came first in the 10m Air Pistol competition's Division 2. With Barry Docherty triumphing in Division 2 of the Long-Barrelled Revolver discipline, J. Moffat also put in solid performances across multiple disciplines, placing second in the Long-Barrelled Pistol and Muzzle-Loading Revolver categories, while R. Mackay won Division 2 of the Rapid Fire Rifle section.

As the Cumbria Winter Leagues begin, 22 CTSC will be competing in 10 Disciplines.

Perthshire Leagues: Callander's summer Prone shooting team - J. Bowen-Bate, J. Shepherd, J Richards and K. Woolley - performed strongly this season, winning Division 3.

In the benchrest discipline, meanwhile, the club's membership wisely chose to conserve their energy for the Winter season by posting a series of respectably unremarkable results - with the exception of F. Currie, whose strong second placing in Division 3 saw him miss out on the top spot by a wafer thin margin.

For further club details, please contact secretary Robert Farquhar on 07721 744229.

COOK'S CORNER

By Audrey Corrieri
St Stephen's Pudding



Ingredients

- 110g breadcrumbs
- 50g self-raising flour, sifted
- 50g soft brown sugar
- 75g shredded suet
- A pinch of salt
- 110g raisins
- 2 medium cooking apples, peeled and grated
- Grated rind of one unwaxed lemon
- 1 egg, large
- 3 tbs milk

Method

You will need a 1.2 litre pudding basin, well greased. In a large mixing bowl first combine all the dry ingredients. Then add the raisins, grated apple and lemon rind. Stir thoroughly to mix everything well. Now beat the egg into the milk in a cup, then stir the whole lot into the mixture. Pack the mixture into the pudding basin, cover tightly with a sheet of greaseproof paper, then a sheet of kitchen foil and secure with string.

Steam the pudding for 2 hours.

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Callander Woodland Group and the Quarrymen

Those of a certain age may remember that the Quarrymen was John Lennon's band which eventually evolved into the Beatles. They were actually on stage with him on Saturday July 6th, 1957, the day he met Paul McCartney... well this is nothing to do with that!

At the end of October Callander Woodland Group volunteers were joined in Coihallan wood by a group of 15 from Breedon Group (who operate Cambusmore Quarry) for their annual employee volunteer day. So much extra help was invaluable in progressing some of our plans which have been going very slowly with small numbers of regular volunteers.

The muddiest job was to clear out the inlet to the pond beside the path towards Ben Gullipen. This is currently full of water, but it dried out during the summer. The hope is that improving the feed into the pond will extend how long it retains water, at least remaining damp enough through summer to provide a habitat for our diminishing population of frogs and toads. Coihallan wood has a lot of frogs in spring but many lay spawn in the ditches which later dry out.

Shallow run-offs were also cleared where water and mud collect on the path. Hopefully, this will improve drainage and mud will gradually be washed off the path. We still need to do the same on the arboretum loop path.

On the short loop off the main path, is the 'arboretum loop'; a joint project between Forestry & Land Scotland (FLS) about 20 years ago. They had planted 5 enclosures with non-native trees from five continents (excluding Africa & Antarctica for some reason!). Unfortunately, these haven't been maintained since, so they are now overgrown with brambles and self-seeded trees, mainly silver birch. We are removing these so the specimen trees can have more light and air to allow them to flourish and be more visible. A lot of material was cleared in one enclosure which contains several

North American species, including two Sequoias - not yet Giant Redwoods. We hope eventually to create a Tree Trail with information boards detailing the specimen and native trees - we just need more help!

Back in 2003 we carried out a survey of woodland users and fed the results into the FLS Callander 10-year Land Management Plan:

www.scotland.forestry.gov.uk/managing/plans-and-strategies/land-management-plans/active/1574-callander. A popular idea was to create more short loop walks in Coihallan. In this session a start was made on clearing a path to link the 'Gullipen path' back to the main track based on a line walked by deer along an old fence.

Our thanks go to all of the Breedon volunteers along with a plea for more volunteers to join us in helping to improve the woods for local users. We meet twice a month, once at the weekend and once midweek. Look forward to hearing from you on Callanderwoodlandgroup@gmail.com.



Coihallan Pond



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Policing Wildlife Crime

The Callander Local group of the Scottish Wildlife Trust held its first talk of the season in October. Alan Stewart was the extremely well-qualified speaker on Wildlife Crime. He was a Police officer from 1966 to 1997, then a civilian wildlife crime officer with Tayside Police until 2011. He has received many awards, including WWF's 'UK Wildlife Enforcer of the Year' in 1999 and a MBE in 2001. He covered the main categories of wildlife crime, illustrated with examples of cases he had worked on.

The Protection of Birds Act 1954 made it illegal to possess any wild birds' eggs, including removal of unhatched or abandoned eggs from nest boxes between February and September. Egg collectors often take whole clutches of eggs and travel widely. Alan developed a log of culprits' vehicles and in one case recovered a collection of over 7,300 eggs, leading to a four month jail sentence. Owning an egg collection that can be proved to pre-date 1981 does not break the law but it cannot be sold and must be given away or destroyed.

All birds in the UK are protected from disturbance by the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981. In Auchterarder a fine of £800 was imposed for knocking down house martin nests and a developer was given the choice of a £5000 fine or a 6 months jail sentence for starting work before a second brood of swallows had fledged.

Raptor shooting or poisoning with pesticides is usually associated with 'rogue' gamekeepers who give a bad name to responsible ones, especially when the crime is perpetrated on one estate, but the dead bird is found on neighbouring land. A white-tailed eagle from Mull was found dead on a 'friendly' estate, but on neighbouring land 32 baited pieces of venison were found on fence posts.



Hare coursing is the pursuit of hares with dogs, usually on areas of flat, open land, often farmland after harvesting, where the chase can be watched. The Hunting Act 2004 made it an offence to hunt any wild mammals with dogs. Again, a log of car registrations helped to identify guilty parties and some cases were built on foot prints identifying 3 people or dog prints that proved they had been running at speed. Fines imposed were £1000 - £1500.

Examples of deer poaching varied from one taken from a park by a dog to a butcher with 27 unaccounted for deer in his cold room. Deer are easy targets at the roadside but poaching there is very dangerous and not always successful if the injured deer manages to run away. An old case where the lower legs of 6 roe and a fallow deer were found in a

lay-by was never resolved as there was no way to trace the culprit. Today, the poacher's DNA could be retrieved from such remains and the person or people could be identified.

An example Alan gave for the efforts to prevent salmon poaching included patrolling a river bank with an image intensifier. 15 identifiable regulars were charged the next day. The following night, 6 of the same people returned in balaclavas but were still identifiable!

Under the Protection of Badgers Act 1992, it is an offence to damage, destroy or block access to a badger sett, or to disturb badgers in their setts. A farmer who poured slurry into a sett was fined £800. For badger digging and the digging out of setts, dogs are often used and are often badly hurt in the process. This is a prevalent problem in Fife and the Lothians, but doesn't appear too much in Perthshire.



Fresh Water Pearl mussel protection covers removal or causing harm. A builder of a hydro scheme who allowed silt into the river, thereby suffocating the mussels, was fined £8,000.

Modern technology continues to improve the collection of evidence and fines are higher but are quite difficult to consistently impose. If members of the public see something suspicious they should report it on 999, but do not approach the activity.



For Alan's full profile and book list see wildlifedetective.wordpress.com/books/

Lesley Hawkins

Scottish Wildlife Trust Callander Local Group Future Events:

12 December 7.30pm SWT Talk 'Where are our Swifts, Swallows and Martins?' by Steve Willis, BTO

16 January 7.30pm SWT Talk 'Fantastic Beasties and where to find them' by Paul Fraser.

Both in St Andrew's Church Hall, Leny Road, FK17 8AL. Suggested donation £3 includes tea/coffee and biscuits.



Callander Flood Protection Scheme – November 2024 Update

Stirling Council recently concluded the latest phase in developing a flood protection scheme for Callander. A shortlist of potential options has now emerged from technical appraisals undertaken.

During consultations held by Stirling Council in Callander held in September / October 2024, the community were able to express concerns, add local information, and discuss any issues pertaining to river flooding, and contribute to the shortlisting process and outcome.

The next step was a joint meeting between Stirling Council, Callander Flood Group and Callander Community Council on October 8th, 2024 to discuss the consultation, recent reports, and the shortlist of options. At this meeting, community concerns were raised about the reports, the process, and the shortlisted options themselves. The community reiterated that any final option should give an appropriate level of protection for all areas of the community impacted by river flooding, taking into account climate change and to fit in with the natural environment of Callander.

The next period in developing the scheme, through to the summer of 2025, will be to evaluate the options on the shortlist in greater detail (technical, environmental, economic and community impact). During the next eight to nine months, Stirling Council will work closely with the community through Callander Community Council, Callander Flood Group, and with statutory partners, such as SEPA, Scottish Water and the National Park. Through such collaboration it is hoped that progress can be made towards an option for the Callander Flood Protection Scheme that can be endorsed and supported by those parts of Callander impacted by river flooding, the wider community and Stirling Council.

An aspect of those discussions will be around the community led initiative of Callander's Green Adventure Gateway (Masterplan for Meadows and Station Road Car Parks), to determine any areas that overlap or connect. This may give an opportunity for both projects to benefit from working collaboratively, over this next stage of the scheme.

It is the intention of Stirling Council to have decided upon a preferred option for Callander Flood Protection Scheme by the summer of 2025. There are still critical decisions to be made regarding the level of flood protection and the number and location of properties that could be protected. Local input to these discussions will be through Callander Community Council and Callander Flood Group.

You can seek further information on the latest updates and options on the Callander Flood Protection Scheme at <https://flooding.stirling.gov.uk/pages/callander>

If you want to discuss or wish more information from a community perspective you can contact Callander Community Council at callandercc556@gmail.com or Callander Flood Group at

callanderfloodgroup@gmail.com or on www.facebook.com/groups/callanderfloodforum



As we go through this phase of the Callander Flood Protection Scheme further updates will be placed on the Stirling Council website, and in future editions of the Ben Ledi View.

Callander Flood Group



Where is Norman's Pool? Photo courtesy of Ian McCourt



Name that Birdsong

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Birds are a key eco indicator – help keep Callander's bird life thriving.

Load up this free app on apple or android phones and you can instantly ID birds by their song or description. You can also build your own digital scrapbook of the birds you see regularly. It all works offline so you don't need a signal – you can access the app wherever you are.

Cornell University in the USA developed an app called 'Merlin', which feeds into

an international database that informs worldwide research on bird numbers, migration and behaviour. By signing up you'll be able to learn from and add to this database which helps to preserve birdlife across the world.

The database currently covers the UK, USA, Canada, Europe and parts of Central and South America so you can use it if you're on holiday as well! The Merlin App has three main sections:

1. Bird songs and calls ID: just point your phone up where you hear the bird and press record. You'll get feedback on the bird you've heard, including a picture

2. Bird photo ID: send a picture of the birds you see and you'll get a shortlist

of options

3. Bird ID Wizard: This helps you ID birds by answering three simple questions: size of bird; colouring; and what it's doing. Clear options are provided.

If you want a record of the birds you see and hear, you can use Save My Bird, which lets you create your own record of the main birds you see. It also gives tips on feeding and supporting them.

Download the free App from the Apple App Store or from Google Play: Merlin.

allaboutbirds.org.



Angelica Hamer



A selection of species of birds found in the Trossachs -

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What's On for December 2024 & January 2025

December

Saturday 7th

- **Dramfest** at Deanston Distillery

Sunday 8th

- **Dramfest Winter Wonderland** at Deanston Distillery

Monday 9th

- **CAOS rehearsals** 7.30pm at McLaren High School

Monday 9th

- **Music & Memories** 2.00pm-3.00pm Callander Kirk Hall

Wednesday 11th

- **Teapot Cafe Christmas Party** 12.00pm - Callander Kirk Hall Library. (followed by break until 8th January)

Thursday 12th

- **Callander Kirk Guild** 2.00pm Kirk Hall. a All welcome.
- **German-speaking group** 2.00-4.30pm Coilhallan House Invertrossachs Road FK17 8HW
- **Seniors Christmas Party** doors open 5.00pm meal served at 6.00pm at MacNabs at the Dreadnought Hotel (phone Mary by 6th December on 01877 331020 to reserve a spot).
- **Scottish Wildlife Trust Talk - Where are out Swifts, Swallows and Martins?** by Steve Willis BTO 7.30pm in St Andrew's Church Hall, Leny Road. Suggested donation £3 includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Saturday 14th

- **Roll Outdoors Festive paddle:** bring your tinsel and bows cause we will be having a christmas theme paddle out on Loch Lubnaig bring your own boat or hire one of ours to get out and soak in the Winter Views. 01877 238 495

Sunday 15th

- **Soft Play Christmas Party** at McLaren Leisure 01877 330000

- **The Holdovers - Callander Community Cinema** 6.30pm at McLaren Leisure

Monday 16th

- **McLaren High School Christmas Concert** 7.00pm at McLaren HS

Sunday 22nd

- **Community Carol Service** 6.00pm at St Andrew's Church, Leny Road followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
- **Roll Outdoors Last Paddle of 2024** feel free to come along with your own board or hire one of ours to celebrate with us. call 01877 238 495

Tuesday 24th

- **Callander Kirk Christmas Eve Children's Watch-night Service** 4.30pm in Ancaster Square
- **Carols & Crafts by Candlelight** 4.00pm St Andrew's Church, Leny Road
- **Carols by Candelight** 6.30pm Trossachs Church, Brig O'Turk

Wednesday 25th

- **Christmas Day Service** 10.30am Callander Kirk
- **Eucharist Service** 9.30am at St Andrew's Church, Leny Road

Friday 27th

- **Festive FamilyFIT** at McLaren Leisure 01877 330000

January

Monday 6th

- **CAOS rehearsals** 7.30pm at McLaren High School

Thursday 9th

- **Callander Kirk Guild** 2.00pm Kirkhall (Old Leckie Farm Alison Younger). All welcome.

Saturday 11th

- **Roll Outdoors First Paddle of 2025** feel free to come along with your own board or hire one of ours to celebrate with us 01877 238 495

Sunday 12th

- **Ferrari - Callander Community Cinema** 6.30pm at McLaren Leisure

Monday 13th

- **Music & Memories** 2.00pm-3.00pm Callander Kirk Hall
- **CAOS rehearsals** 7.30pm at McLaren High School

Thursday 16th

- **Bingo** 1.30pm-2.00pm at Callander Hostel
- **Callander Kirk Guild** 2.00pm Kirk Hall. All welcome.
- **Scottish Wildlife Trust Talk- 'Fantastic Beasts and where to find them'** by Paul Fraser 7.30pm n St Andrew's Church Hall, Leny Road. Suggested donation £3 includes tea/coffee and biscuits

Monday 20th

- **CAOS rehearsals** 7.30pm at McLaren High School

Monday 27th

- **CAOS rehearsals** 7.30pm at McLaren High School

Friday 31st

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Saturday 1st

- **CAOS Coffee Morning**, 10.30am at Callander Kirk Hall

Thursday 6th

- **Callander Kirk Guild** 2.00pm Kirk Hall (How Green Are You? - Margaret Warnock). All welcome.



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Thursday 19th - Sunday 22nd December

www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/whats-on/event/?eventId=beec207-faa-4847-8bab-a7e100b761e8



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Mondays

- BodyFit 7.00-7.45 am McLaren Leisure
- Active Life 9.30-10.30 am McLaren Leisure
- Chair Yoga 11.00-12noon McLaren Leisure
- Kettle Fit 12.15-12.45pm McLaren Leisure
- Highland Dancing 4.00pm Kirk Hall: Dec 9th, 9th, Jan 6th, 13th, 20th
- Teen Fit 4.00-5.00pm McLaren Leisure
- RigFit 5.30-6.15 am McLaren Leisure
- Yoga Fit 6.00- 7.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Cycle Fit 6.20-7.05pm McLaren Leisure
- Cycle Fit Adv 7.15-8.15pm McLaren Leisure
- Core Fit 8.15-9.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Pump Fit 7.15-8.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Guides 6.30-8.00pm Callander Primary School
- Callander Pipe Band practice/teaching 7.00pm Masonic Hall
- Open rink night Bowling Club 7.00pm Visitors/beginners welcome (bowls available) Contact Donald 075134 488453
- CAOS Rehearsals 7.30pm McLaren High School (except 7th Oct tbc)

Tuesdays

- Callander Cycle Meander meet 10.00am Ancaster Square (contact 07963 736044)
- Cycle Fit 9.30-10.15pm McLaren Leisure
- Walk in the Park 10.20am (See flier, page 12 for start location)
- Writer's Group 10.30am-12.30pm Room above library contact Jen Shearer 07710 232908
- Aquacise 11.00-12.00noon McLaren Leisure
- MumFit 11.00-12 noon McLaren Leisure
- Yoga Basics 12.00-1.00pm McLaren Leisure

- Gentle Yoga 2.00- 3.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Strength and Balance 3.00-4.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Body Fit Express 5.00 - 6.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Power Fit 6.00-6.45pm McLaren Leisure
- Line-dancing 6.00-7.00pm (absolute beginners) 7.00 - 8.30pm (improvers) St.Andrew's Church Hall
- AquaFit 7.15-8.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Badminton Club 7.30pm McLaren Leisure
- Evening Yoga 7.30-9.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Taekwondo 7.00-9.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Song Squad practice 7.00-9.00pm at Callander Fire Station

Wednesdays

- Rig Fit 7.00-7.45 am McLaren Leisure
- Active Life 9.30-10.30 McLaren Leisure
- Baby and Me Yoga (for carers and babes up to crawling) 9.30-10.30 Fire Station, contact Sian Lucas at www.momoyoga.com/seasonalbalance
- Seasonal Yoga 11.00-12noon Fire Station book at www.momoyoga.com/seasonalbalance
- Citizens Advice Bureau 10.00am-12.30pm Callander Library
- Teapot Café 10.30am Callander Kirk Hall Library
- Body Fit Express 1.00-1.30pm McLaren Leisure
- Core Fit Express 5.30-6.00pm McLaren Leisure
- Bowling Club 2.00pm (as Monday) Bowling Club
- Body Fit 7.00-7.45pm McLaren Leisure
- Cycle Fit 8.00-8.45pm McLaren Leisure
- Taekwondo (contact: falkirktaekwondo@gmail.com)

Thursdays

- Aquacise 9.30-10.30am McLaren Leisure
- Craigard Club meet for lunch 11.30-1.30pm Callander Hostel
- TeenFIT 3.30-4.30pm McLaren Leisure
- Cycle Fit 7.30-8.15pm McLaren leisure
- Core Fit 8.00 8.45pm McLaren Leisure
- Bridge Club 2.00 - 4.00pm upstairs in Callander Library
- Redtooth Poker League at Lade Inn 7.30pm all welcome
- Scottish Country Dancing 7.00pm Masonic Hall

Fridays

- Body Fit 9.00-9.45am McLaren Leisure
- MumFit 11.00- 12noon McLaren Leisure
- Power Fit Express 11.00-12.00 noon McLaren Leisure
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CALLANDER COMMUNITY CINEMA

2024-25 season

Our movie on 15th December is sponsored by Noreen Hinton in memory of David Hinton, one of Callander Film Society's founding members. Expected to become a Christmas comedy classic, *The Holdovers* stars Paul Giamatti and Da'Vine Joy Randolph, who won best supporting actress at both Oscars and BAFTAs.



A curmudgeonly teacher at a New England school remains on campus during Christmas break 1970 to supervise students who can't travel home. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker and the school's cook, a woman who has just lost a son in

the Vietnam War - an unlikely Christmas family sharing comic misadventures.

On 12 January *Ferrari*, directed by Michael Mann, is set in the summer of 1957. With Enzo Ferrari's auto empire in crisis, the ex-racer, turned entrepreneur, pushes himself and his drivers to the edge as they launch into the Mille Miglia, a treacherous 1,000-mile race across Italy. Sponsored by the Lade Inn Poker Players.



All screenings are on Sunday evenings at McLaren Leisure Centre at the earlier time of 7pm, with doors and café open from 6.30pm.

£5 at the door, £3 under 16 (please bring cash) and free for members of Callander Film Society.

Membership details and the full programme with links to trailers are at incallander.co.uk/cinema.

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Tickets will be available roughly two weeks in advance of each date.

The Historic Sundays initiative aims to encourage Scottish residents to visit our sites this winter for the first time especially those who have never visited sites before.

To find out more or book your tickets, visit the Historic Scotland website. www.historicenvironment.scot/historic-sundays/



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28 January	Ancaster Square	Callander to Kilmahog		
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11 February	Ancaster Square	Bochastle		
18 February	Ancaster Square	Bridgend & The Meadows		
25 February	Medical Centre	Keltie Bridge		

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BOOK CLUB REVIEW

This issue's book review title is *The London Agency* by Jake Bowen-Bate (2024). This the debut novel by Callander author, Jake Bowen-Bate. The story's main character is Josh, who works as an advertising executive at a digital agency in London. Josh is disillusioned with London life and fed up with his non-glamorous job doing ad-campaigns for the same old clients.

When he is asked to work on a confidential assignment with a new secretive client, Josh's interest is immediately piqued. The client is a company called BluJacket, which has a new revolutionary AI product, plus a beautiful marketing manager, Abeke Hart. Life for Josh seems to be looking up.

However, this is short-lived. The detail of the BluJacket product is vague and its supposed use by the US military, troubles Josh, triggered by traumatic events from his past. He decides to dig around and find answers to his questions. However, it becomes quickly clear that these questions were never meant to be asked.

I'm not a huge reader of crime fiction, but parallels between *The London Agency* and *The Drop-out* (the brilliant true-life drama of biotech company Theranos and its now imprisoned founder, Elizabeth Holmes) did intrigue me. So I sought the views of the Callander Library Book Group, which has a couple of avid crime

readers. The overall view was positive and we thought this was an excellent debut novel.

It was very readable with a modern story idea that is absolutely of its time. The story was gripping and kept everyone hooked. Moreover, it was fun to discuss the book and to consider the plausible (albeit terrifying) ideas it presented. In short, it ticks all the boxes for books in this popular genre and has a page-turning narrative.

It's worth noting that Bowen-Bate was given a 'Crime in the Spotlight' slot at this year's Scottish International Crime Writing Festival, Bloody Scotland. These slots are much coveted by new and emerging crime writers who are invited to read to a big audience alongside established crime authors. Bowen-Bate is definitely one to watch.

This book is available to borrow at Callander library or to buy at King's Book Shop, Main St, Callander (also available on Amazon). The Callander Library Book Group meets monthly. Pop into the library and speak to Fiona for details.

Maggie Magor



CALLANDER AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

Rehearsals for *Made in Dagenham* have been going well and casting took place in

mid-October. However, the World of Amateur Dramatics is never dull and there have been some significant changes to our production team since the October issue of BLV. We have taken up one of our earlier ideas of producing the show 'inhouse' and one of the committee, Nicola Balfour, has stepped up to become principal producer. Nicola will draw on the wonderful talent that is associated with CAOS and has already started developing some great ideas. The cast remain very excited and, under the musical direction of Carolyn Dunion and Marc Fallon, are really looking forward to putting on a great show in March. There is still time for any budding thespians to join us at Monday evening rehearsals in McLaren High School - two in December, 2nd and 9th, then ongoing from 6th January. If you are not keen on being on stage, there are lots of opportunities to help back stage or front of house - talk to a committee member or see the web page :

www.c-a-o-s.org.uk. We can also be contacted at caoscallander@gmail.com.

For the second year running we had a fund raising ceilidh in September when about 80 enthusiasts put on their dancing shoes and had a brilliant time being swung around to the music of Ken Milligan and band. Not only was it great fun but we raised around £750 for society funds. The Annual Christmas Concert, this year with Song Squad, was on 29th November and we hope that everyone who came enjoyed it and that it whetted your appetite for the show.

A reminder that show dates are 19th -22nd March, and don't miss the coffee morning on Saturday 1st February 2025. Show tickets are now available online www.c-a-o-s.org.uk/order-tickets/ or ask a Society member - perhaps an excellent Christmas gift for the person who already has everything else! They can also be obtained from the Callander Connect Shop at 43 Main Street from early January. Seats will be numbered, so book early to guarantee your choice of seat. As always, our patrons will have been given first choice of seating in recognition of the valuable support they give us.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Coffee Morning and, of course, in Dagenham!

Steve Murphy for the CAOS committee

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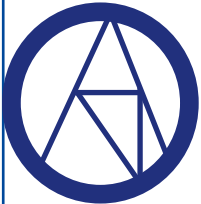


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